

Decision Notice Missoula Trap & Skeet Club (MT&SC)

August 5, 2011

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposal to grant \$44,011 to the Missoula Trap & Skeet Club to repair safety fences separating skeet and trap fields; install stairs to trap houses; remove and replace sidewalks; repair paths and pads on fields 1-5. The range is located west of Missoula along Highway 10 West, between Highway 10 and Interstate 90, about ½ mile west of the intersection of Interstate 90 and highway 93 North in Missoula.

Legal notice of the Missoula Trap and Skeet Club EA was published once each in the *Independent Record* (Helena, July 6), *Missoulian* (July 6) and *Ravalli Republic* (Hamilton, July 7) newspapers. FWP issued a statewide news release regarding this proposal and its EA on July 1. FWP mailed 12 copies of the EA (and approximately 28 email notifications of the EA's availability) to adjacent landowners and interested individuals, groups and agencies. The EA was available for public review on FWP's web site (http://fwp.mt.gov/, "Recent Public Notices") from July 1 through August 1, 2011.

Public Comments: FWP received 8 comments from the public.

Eight of the comments supported alternative A; to provide the Missoula Trap and Skeet Club a shooting range grant as partial funding to remove and replace safety fence & sidewalks, repair pads & paths, and install stairs.

Based on public comments and internal review, the Draft EA will be adopted as the Final EA. This Decision Notice and the Final EA will serve as the final documents pertaining to this action. Funding for this project will be granted by FWP pending the completion of other administrative requirements by MT&SC as required by the Shooting Range Development Program.

Sincerely, Signature on file

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